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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the organization of the
market in milk and milk products

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
on the sale of butter at reduced prices to persons receiving
social assistance

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

I. As a result of the Council's discussion on 12 May the following additional action needs particularly to be taken in the milk and milk products sector.

1. The inclusion of Provolone cheese on the list of Italian cheeses for which private storage aid is given.

This requires an amendment of the basic Regulation (EEC) No 804/68. The purpose is to stabilize the market in this cheese and achieve the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty in greater degree in the areas where it is produced.

2. The resumption of reduced price butter sales to persons receiving social assistance.

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The existing butter surpluses in the Community, the market situation and that with respect to other disposal possibilities indicate the advisability of increasing butter consumption in this way.

II. The cost of these measures is part of the total cost of the prices and related measures package. This will cost the EAGGF Guarantee Section 211 million EUA in the 1978 financial year and 766 million EUA in a year.

The following should be observed :

1. As regards the measure referred to under II for Provolone cheese the expenditure will be 5.8 million EUA (twelve months) (budget item 6230) ;
2. As regards the measure referred to under I² for "social butter" the expenditure will be 12 million EUA (twelve months) (budget item 6223).

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market in milk and milk products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹,

Whereas the cheeses for which a private storage aid is granted are specified in Article 8(3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products², as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1038/78³;

Whereas, in order to stabilize the market in Provolone cheese and the better to achieve the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty in the regions where it is produced, it is necessary to include this cheese in the list of those for which a private storage aid is granted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 8(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, the following subparagraph is hereby inserted after subparagraph (b):

"(c) Provolone cheese at least 3 months old."

¹OJ No C

²OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13.

³OJ No L 134, 22.5.1978, p. 4.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the

Proposal for

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the
common organization of the market in milk and milk products¹, as last amended
by Regulation (EEC) No 1038/78², and in particular Article 12(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament³,

Whereas previous measures authorizing the sale of butter at reduced prices
to persons receiving social assistance have proved an effective means of
disposing of the Community butter surplus; whereas they have enabled these
classes of consumers, whose consumption of butter is limited, to consume
greater quantities;

Whereas it appears appropriate, in view of the situation in the Community
butter market, to resume these measures;

Whereas, however, it is unlikely that, as in the past, not all Member States
will make use of such an authorization; whereas the Community's contribution
to this measure should therefore be limited;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Member States are hereby authorized to grant aid for the purchase of butter
at reduced prices by persons receiving social assistance.

¹OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13.

²OJ No L 134, 22.5.1978, p. 4.

³OJ No L

Article 2

Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the aid is given only to persons receiving social assistance and is granted only in respect of amounts of butter which do not exceed their personal consumption.

Article 3

Notwithstanding the system referred to in Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁴, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2788/72⁵, the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall contribute only up to 50 units of account per 100 kilograms of butter towards any aid granted for the purchase of butter at reduced prices by persons receiving social assistance.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

⁴OJ No L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13.

⁵OJ No L 295, 30.12.1972, p. 1.